

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Hong Kong Bureau--September 1986

I. GENERAL

A. Implementation of the provident fund to provide retirement benefits for local employees moved a step closer to completion. For those employees hired after 1 October 1983, participation in the fund was mandatory. Mandatory participation started 5 July 1986 with the option of buying credit for prior service, i.e., from the date of entry on duty. Employees covered by Civil Service Retirement (CSR) could choose to remain in CSR, switch to the provident fund by withdrawing from CSR and buying back credit or switch to the fund as of 5 July but leave funds in CSR for a deferred annuity. A number of bureau as well as consulate employees have opted to go with the provident fund. One attractive feature is that the fund is fully vested in 10 years, meaning that a complete withdrawal of funds, including the employees' 5 % of salary contribution and the government's 10 % contribution plus interest, can be made without penalty. This will occur just before 1997 when the PRC regains sovereignty over Hong Kong. Generally speaking, those employees who will not be eligible for retirement benefits by 1997 have chosen to transfer to the fund.

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II. OPERATIONS

Monitorial/Editorial

1. On 18 September Hong Kong transferred the coverage of Beijing television to Okinawa Bureau. To assist in the transition, Hong Kong television monitor [] TDY'ed to Okinawa for two weeks (17 Sep - 2 Oct). Hong Kong continued to record the nightly television broadcasts until the end of September at which time the recording contract with Cable & Wireless ended. Hong Kong will

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provide ad hoc backstop recording for Okinawa. The bureau is now shipping excess television monitoring equipment to Okinawa.

2. [] one of the bureau's two full-time Philippine monitors, resigned as of 13 September and began working on part-time contract basis. Bureau advertisements for a replacement in the local Hong Kong press produced an interesting cross section of applicants, including a doctor and a dentist. Some 37 people applied, of which 8 were interviewed. We have narrowed our selection down to two very well qualified individuals who are fluent not only in Tagalog and English but Ilocano as well. One has been put in processing.

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With [] remaining as part-time, the bureau has been able to maintain full coverage of the Philippine media but will have little flexibility until the new monitor is brought on board.

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3. An arrangement with the Philippine Airlines to receive the daily newspapers from the first daily Hong Kong to Manila flight has been a qualified success. While deliveries have not been completely reliable, the earlier arrival of the papers has enabled the bureau to scan, select and file reports before the normal close of business. This means that consumers receive items 16-24 hours earlier than had been the case with the evening delivery. It has also resulted in more effective use of both editors' and monitors' time.

4. The Philippine Radio Veritas, supported by the Catholic Church, can once again be heard in the evening. Radio Veritas had announced in August that it had purchased two 50-kilowatt transmitters to replace the transmitter destroyed during the February revolution. In September, the transmitters become operational.

B. Lateral Services

With the transfer of Beijing television coverage to Okinawa, Hong Kong discontinued its special compilation of PRC TV clips on military subjects, particularly equipment, for DLO at the Consulate. DLO will now request videotapes of interest from Washington.

C. Technical

1. The bureau continued to examine options for an alternative to the present microwave link from the antenna field at Mt. Butler to St. John's Building. The use of a [] microwave link from the Peak to St. John's Building was dropped when the General Post Office, which controls microwave useage in Hong Kong, informed the bureau that only high volume (24 channels and above) may use these frequencies. The bureau uses 15 channels.

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2. Three Forum 88 super XT computers were installed in September, one each in the Chinese monitors' area, the editorial room and the wireroom.

3. The following accountable property was received during the month:

3 beverage transformers, 50-350 OHM, S/N 012, 013, 014

4. The following was sent to Okinawa during the month:

1 ea. Sony VCR VO5630 S/N 11477;

1 ea. Sony remote control unit 6M-500 S/N 11449.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

A. Local employees currently covered by Civil Service Retirement had until the end of September to decide whether or not to join the consulate provident fund which provides retirement benefits. Several bureau foreign national employees, particularly those who would not be eligible for immediate retirement benefits by 1997, opted to join the fund.

B. [] EOD'ed 9 September as a part-time contract editor. As a former FBIS editor, she had worked at Nicosia and Gulf bureaus.

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C. [] Tagalog/Cebuano monitor, resigned from full-time employment as of 13 September. She is continuing to work as a part-time contract employee. A recruitment effort to find a replacement has identified two very qualified applicants, one of which has been placed in processing.

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IV. VISITS

To the Bureau

A. [] chief, Bangkok Bureau, visited the bureau on 2 September while enroute to the U.S. for R&R.

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B. Evan Hineman, 3-5 September, for briefing and tour. A dim sum party to meet the bureau staff was held at shift change on 4 September.

C. [] chief, AG, visited the bureau for consultations, 8-9 September.

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D. [] OW editor, while on private travel on 9 September.

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E. Richard Carlson, head of VOA, for tour and orientation on 27 September.

From the Bureau

A. [] bureau senior technician, was selected as one of five FBN employees to attend the annual Foreign National Orientation Program in FBIS Headquarters during the week of 8-12 September. [] TDY'ed in Okinawa 4-5 September for coordination on his way to Washington.

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B. [] 17 September to 2 October, to Okinawa to assist in the transfer of Beijing TV.

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Bureau Chief

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1 - C/Okinawa
1 - C/Seoul

HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1137610
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	98800
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1877

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	5040	14550	293

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA	
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TAGALOG	4830
BEIJING TELEVISION SERVICE IN MANDARIN	1100
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10590
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6690
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8300
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	610
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN MANDARIN	390
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4720
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7640
LHASA XIZANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	11720
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7630
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	3060
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8440
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	12360
XIAN SHAANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10820
XINING QINGHAI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6740
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5510
BEIJING XINHUA HONG KONG SERVICE IN CHINESE	

1650

HONG KONG ZHONGGUO TONGXUN SHE IN CHINESE	9220
HONG KONG ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN CHINESE	29010
BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING BAOGAO WENXUE IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN ENGLISH	25790
BEIJING GONGREN RIBAO IN CHINESE	4180
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN CHINESE	16210
BEIJING GUOJI SHANGBAO IN CHINESE	450
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN CHINESE	16060
BEIJING HONGQI IN CHINESE	100330
BEIJING JINGJI CANKAO IN CHINESE	2940
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN CHINESE	12910
BEIJING JINGJI RIBAO IN CHINESE	1460
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN CHINESE	18610
BEIJING JINGJIXUE ZHOUBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING LIAOWANG IN CHINESE	12290
BEIJING LILUN YUEKAN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING LISHI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING NONGMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	104610
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	6630
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN CHINESE	13050
BEIJING WENYI BAO IN CHINESE	6660
BEIJING WENZHAI BAO IN CHINESE	1580
BEIJING XINWEN ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHIXUE YANJIU IN CHINESE	0

BEIJING ZHONGGUO FAZHI BAO IN CHINESE	2060
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN BAO IN CHINESE	6080
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	3410
CHONGQING CHONGQING RIBAO IN CHINESE	1090
FUZHOU ZHONGGUO JINGJI WENTI IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU GUANGZHOU RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU KAIFANG IN CHINESE	5360
GUANGZHOU NANFANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	8100
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANBAO IN CHINESE	3860
HAIKOU HAINAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG LIAOWANG OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	52700
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
KUNMING YUNNAN SIXIANG ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
LANZHOU GANSU RIBAO IN CHINESE	5540
LANZHOU LANZHOU WANBAO IN CHINESE	0
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAOBAO IN CHINESE	0
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	4380
WUHAN CHANGJIANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
XIAN SHAANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	2160
XIAN XIBEI XINXI BAO IN CHINESE	0
YINCHUAN NINGXIA RIBAO IN CHINESE	6040
ZHENGZHOU HENAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0

HONG KONG
HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LTD IN
ENGLISH
HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN
ENGLISH

HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	800	
HONG KONG AFP IN ENGLISH		86270
HONG KONG ASIAWEEK IN ENGLISH		2370
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN CHINESE		10270
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN CHINESE		9250
HONG KONG CHIUSHIH NIENTAI IN CHINESE		9260
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN ENGLISH		650
HONG KONG HONGKONG STANDARD IN ENGLISH		13070
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN CHINESE		3600
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN CHINESE		10090
HONG KONG MING PAO IN CHINESE		3420
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN ENGLISH		18170
HONG KONG SUNDAY MORNING POST IN ENGLISH		2150
HONG KONG SUNDAY STANDARD IN ENGLISH		680
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN CHINESE		4890
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN ENGLISH		1200
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN CHINESE		6860
NEW ZEALAND AUCKLAND THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD IN ENGLISH		0
WELLINGTON THE EVENING POST IN ENGLISH		4930

PHILIPPINES
DAGUPAN CITY DZDL RADIO IN
TAGALOG

3340

LAOAG CITY NATION BROADCASTING COMPANY CORP. STATION DWRI IN		
ILOCANO	1140	
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN		
ENGLISH	21400	
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN		
TAGALOG	2460	
MANILA RADIO VERITAS IN		
TAGALOG	2050	
QUEZON CITY DZFM RADIO IN		
ENGLISH	0	
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN		
ENGLISH	440	
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN		
TAGALOG	19940	
QUEZON CITY RADYO PAG-ASA IN		
TAGALOG	0	
CEBU CITY VISAYAN HERALD IN		
ENGLISH		2060
DAVAO CITY DAVAO STAR IN		
ENGLISH		250
DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN		
ENGLISH		520
DAVAO CITY PERYODIKO DABAW IN		
ENGLISH		3400
DAVAO CITY SAN PEDRO EXPRESS IN		
ENGLISH		0
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN		
ENGLISH		0
MANILA FILIPINO TIMES IN		
ENGLISH		5120
MANILA MANILA BULLETIN IN		
ENGLISH		37600
MANILA MR. & MS. (SPECIAL EDITION) IN		
ENGLISH		0
MANILA PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER IN		
ENGLISH		18290
MANILA THE MANILA CHRONICLE IN		
ENGLISH		47310
MANILA THE MANILA EVENING POST IN		
ENGLISH		7210
MANILA THE MANILA JOURNAL		
ENGLISH		9340
MANILA THE MANILA TIMES IN		
ENGLISH		15780
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS IN		
ENGLISH		14810
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES SUNDAY EXPRESS IN		
ENGLISH		290
MANILA THE SUNDAY TIMES IN		
ENGLISH		300
QUEZON CITY ANG PAHAYAGANG MALAYA IN		
ENGLISH		18590
QUEZON CITY BUSINESS DAY IN		
ENGLISH		102420
QUEZON CITY NEW DAY IN		
ENGLISH		9080

QUEZON CITY VERITAS IN
ENGLISH
QUEZON CITY WE FORUM IN
ENGLISH

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